

**IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2022
WEDNESDAY
6:45 P.M.**

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL** met in regular session, beginning at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia,
H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Albert F. Ambriz;
Mayor Larry G. Burrola

Present: William Tam, City Manager; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City
Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Ty Henshaw, Chief of Police;
Arsanious Hanna, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Jeanette
Duran, Interim Finance Director / City Treasurer; Marilyn Simpson,
Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources
Manager, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Jeff
Wagner, Information Technology Manager; Iris Espino, Assistant to
the City Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

**MAYOR BURROLA,
COUNCILMEMBERS
BRECEDA, ORTIZ, &
GARCIA, AND MAYOR
PRO TEM AMBRIZ**

Mayor Burrola, Councilmembers Breceda, Ortiz, and Garcia, and
Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz reported on their attendance at the Irwindale
Chamber of Commerce's Installation Awards event, congratulated
Librarian Balli and resident Raul Hernandez for having received the
"Employee of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" awards,
respectively, and congratulated City Manager Tam on his upcoming
retirement.

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ**

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz reported stated that he would like to attend
the Zoom meeting scheduled with Secretary Becerra of the U.S. Dept.
of Health and Human Service to discuss the 45-year covenant
imposed on certain housing rehabilitation and first time homebuyer
programs, after which he would report to the Council.

CITY MANAGER TAM

City Manager Tam thanked the Council for their well wishes and
commended staff for their hard work and dedication.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

None.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda wished City Manager Tam a happy retirement, suggested that United Rock cover their trucks to avoid debris from damaging other vehicles, and commended each Council Member for all the good they do for the community.

KEITH KANEKO

Keith Kaneko, with Amarak, sought the Council's support in permitting monitored, alarmed, and electrified security fencing in Irwindale.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman congratulated Librarian Balli and resident Raul Hernandez for having received the "Employee of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" awards, respectively, and requested the amount of mining funds that are used to fund employee salaries.

NICOLE SHAHENIAN

Nicole Shahrenian, CEO of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Librarian Balli and resident Raul Hernandez for having received the "Employee of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" awards, respectively, thanked the Council for attending the Chamber's Installation Dinner, and spoke on the negotiations between the city and the Chamber for the Chamber's use of the city's office space.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked City Manager Tam for helping her with issues with her mother.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa thanked City Manager Tam for his years of service to the city, and stated that he has complained about mining funds being deposited into the General Fund.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES**

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special meeting held January 12, 2022
- 2) Regular meeting held January 12, 2022

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS
/ DEMANDS
/ PAYROLL

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
APPROVAL OF PLANS
AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF
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1) The plans and specifications for the installation of speed humps on Juarez were approved, and 2) staff was authorized to solicit bids for construction of the project.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE
CLASSIFICATION
PLAN

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CLASSIFICATION PLAN

CITY MANAGER TAM

City Manager Tam presented brief background information on this item.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman complained that the issue of reclassifying the four positions identified in the staff report has been addressed by the Council on several occasions, and suggested that the matter be discussed during the mid-year budget review. She then suggested that each employee's performance be reviewed before reclassifying them.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda complained that this matter has been heard on several occasions by the Council, complained about staff pay, and made allegations of theft against staff.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman complained that a housing applicant has received calls from several staffers instead of just one. She also requested that each Councilmember call her to justify the proposed staffing reclassifications.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez suggested that the reclassifications wait until the mid-year budget review.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa questioned why his home has a 45-year covenant placed on it.

MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz made a motion to discuss each reclassification individually. The motion died due to a lack of a second.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Responding to several questions by Councilmember Ortiz, Manager Hull advised that the amount of \$305k listed in the staff report for the Police Captain position is the fully burdened amount, which includes salary and benefits. She noted that the base salary for the position is \$145k. Councilmember Ortiz suggested that the reclassifications be postponed until after the mid-year budget review.
MAYOR BURROLA	As requested by Mayor Burrola, Manager Hull discussed the fully burdened yearly amounts for the four proposed reclassifications. Mayor Burrola agreed that the reclassifications should wait until after the mid-year budget review.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Burrola, to postpone this matter until after the mid-year budget review.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz suggested the possibility of approving two Police Lieutenant positions instead of one Police Captain position.
ROLL CALL	The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved.
<u>ITEM NO. 2B</u> CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN	CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN
MANAGER HULL	Manager Hull presented the staff report and clarified that the resolution would include the City Manager's salary as specified in the City Manager's contract, and that it would not include the funding for the reclassifications that were just postponed to the mid-year budget review.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	In reply to a question by Councilmember Breceda, Manager Hull indicated that the salary for the new City Manager will be included in this resolution, which is a necessary step when updating CalPERS, since CalPERS would only recognize the salary resolution, and not the City Manager contract salary amount.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz noted that the draft resolution includes the four reclassified positions that were just postponed, to which Manager Hull advised that the resolution would be revised to remove them.
MAYOR BURROLA	As requested by Mayor Burrola, Manager Hull explained the "Y" rating detailed in the draft resolution included with the staff report.

SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez asked a clarifying question regarding the report.
CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra recommended a clarification of the exhibit of the resolution.
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14-3264 ADOPTED	Resolution No. 2022-14-3264 , entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS, SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, AND COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES," was passed, approved, and adopted, with the clarifications noted above, on the motion of Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, and approved with Councilmember Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, and Mayor Burrola in favor; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia opposed.
<u>ITEM NO. 2C</u> ADOPTION OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM	ADOPTION OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES	Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the staff report.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the 2022 Legislative Platform. The motion was unanimously approved.
<u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>	None.
<u>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</u>	
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES	Assistant City Manager Olivares provided an update on the Library's Valentine's Day event, its distribution of COVID-19 test kits, and its new e-learning platform.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez reported on upcoming activities and events for the Recreation and Senior Center departments.
<u>AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS</u>	
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz requested to place an item on the next agenda to discuss enacting a rent increase moratorium. Consensus was reached by a majority of the Council to place the item on the agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held March 9, 2022.